

MR. BLAINE MAY DIE

His Condition Acknowledged to Be Serious.

HIS PHYSICIANS WON'T TALK,

But It Is Known That the Secretary Is Suffering From a Serious and Perhaps Fatal Illness.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—James G. Blaine lies in bed critically ill. He may recover and be able to get around again, and he may never leave his bed alive. In either event his physicians will not be surprised. Securing information of a reliable character concerning Mr. Blaine is attended by the very greatest difficulty, and one must be content with a general rather than a particular knowledge of his condition. It is simply impossible to obtain any information at the house, Mrs. Blaine has instructed the servants to say nothing, and she herself will not be interviewed. Mrs. Blaine has also placed a seal on the doctor's lips, and all he can do is to roll his eyes and such and shake his head when questioned by newspaper men. But all talk to his friends, and these friends talk to whom they please.

Completion of Ailment. According to one of them, a very prominent government official, Mr. Blaine's condition is serious. The exact nature of his complaint is not known. It started with a cold, which was followed by a fever. But his cold and fever have entirely disappeared, leaving him, however, entirely prostrated. The family regard his condition as the result of a complication of ailments, and they fear that it means the beginning of the end. There is not the slightest doubt that the family is greatly alarmed and apprehensive of the worst.

In the early part of the week nothing serious was considered the matter. One of the physicians attending him stated his professional reputation on the statement that nothing was wrong with Mr. Blaine's condition, which was particularly positive in declaring that his patient did not have Bright's disease. This same physician said today that he desired to take back what he had said earlier in the week; but he declined to state what discovery he had made. He declined even to hint whether it was the discovery of something that had existed before or was the arrival of some new complication. He simply took back what he had said a few days before, and that was all. The patient has been delirious at times since the change for the worse which set in Wednesday night. No one except the family and physician is allowed in the sick room and the family are so very reticent about the secrets of that place as to make it impossible to state positively just what form his delirium takes. From a word dropped here and there, however, it is inferred that the great ex-secretary is at times unable to recognize anybody.

Could Not See Halstead. Dr. Hyatt, who was first called to attend Mr. Blaine, is a specialist in diseases of the throat and lungs, but when he learned the nature of Mr. Blaine's complaint he refused to attend the family that it was a case outside of his province, and that the service of a skilled general practitioner was needed. This of itself shows conclusively that other than the bronchial organs are affected. Dr. W. W. Johnson was summoned and he attended to the case. An occurrence on Wednesday night, which weakened Mr. Blaine, would lead to the supposition that the trouble was intestinal, but this is denied.

Mrs. Blaine called at the Blaine house this morning and asked to see him. He was told that Blaine was taking his medicine and must be excused, but that he was a little better and intended to get up. Another friend of the Blaine family said this afternoon that the basis of the ex-secretary's trouble was the absolute refusal of his medical organs to perform their functions. "Mr. Blaine is unable to take much of any nourishment," he added. "He can scarcely retain any nourishment on his stomach and because of such inability he is very weak. The family hope that he will rally and be able to attend to his duties again, but it is very doubtful. It does not seem to me that he will be able to cover sufficiently to be about, but he will be an invalid for the rest of his life."

Was Better Yesterday. Dr. Johnson was seen late this afternoon and consented to give a brief statement of the case at a conference. "Mr. Blaine is better this afternoon than he was yesterday," he said. "He was sitting up in bed and talked clearly and rationally. He was not in the least delirious, and I believe that unless he has an unexpected relapse he will be down on his feet in a few days. What is the real trouble with him? I am not allowed to tell you. The family requested me to say nothing, and I naturally conform to the request. I ought not, I fear, to have told so much as I have."

The doctor said as if he did not believe what he said and that he would tell a different tale if he were permitted to talk. Mr. Blaine, since his return to Washington in October, continued, until recently, apparently in unusually good health as compared with the long period of physical debility which prevailed during the summer at Bar Harbor. Persons who saw him then said that he was a very sick man. However, upon his return to Washington he resumed work in his library and was busily engaged, as was said, upon a revision of his book on "Twenty Years in Congress."

Mr. Blaine's Illness Denied. Washington, Nov. 25.—At midnight everything was quiet at the Blaine mansion, and the change for the better in Mr. Blaine's condition, manifested this afternoon, was said to be fully maintained. As a proof of his improvement in health it was stated that Mr. Blaine had today received Murat Halstead, and had informed him of his intention to start for Pasadena, California, about the first of the month. Dr. Johnson, one of the attending physicians, it was understood, will pass the night in the Blaine residence as a measure of precaution.

Short Cabinet Meeting. Washington, Nov. 25.—The cabinet remained in session today only fifteen minutes, there being nothing of importance requiring attention, and

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WANT MORE TIME.

The Bell Telephone Company Asks for Further Extensions. BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 25.—There was a hearing before Judge Nelson in the United States circuit today on a petition of the American Bell Telephone company and Prof. Alexander Graham Bell, for an extension of time until November 4, 1893, in which to introduce further testimony before the examiners in the suit of the United States to annul the Bell patent of seventeen years ago, on the ground that Daniel D. Babbington was the inventor. The United States opposes the motion for further time. Some of the Bell patents expire within a short time and the case, they say, should not be pending after the patents have expired.

Robbed the Township. COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 25.—A daring robbery occurred at Kirtlandville, twenty-one miles east of here last night. The safe in the residence of A. H. Austin, who has been treasurer of Harrison township, Licking county, for thirty years, was robbed of \$1,500. The residence was entered about two o'clock at night and the safe, which is located in the front room on the first floor, bore no marks of violence. The robber dropped one package containing \$500 and several others containing \$25 each.

Celebrated by New Yorkers. NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The 109th anniversary of the evacuation of New York by the British was observed today. At sunrise this morning the old guard and the veteran zouaves of the Farragut association met at the old block house in Central park and raised the American flag. Prayers were offered, "America" was sung and salutes were fired. The Continental guard this afternoon raised the flag in Battery park with appropriate ceremonies.

Strikers Refused Work. HOMETOWN, Nov. 25.—About a dozen strikers applied at the Carnegie mills today for employment. They received very little encouragement. About 1,700 men thus far have applied for work, and less than 20 per cent have been successful. On Monday the mills were closed for running two turns of twelve hours each will be put on three turns. This will require about one-third more men.

Will Build the Yerkes Telescope. CLEVELAND, Nov. 25.—The contract for building the Yerkes telescope for the University of Chicago, has been awarded to Warner & Swasey of this city. The tube will be seventy-five feet long and the total weight of the telescope and machinery six tons. It will be completed in a year. It will be one-fourth more powerful than the Lick telescope.

Poisoned by His Wife's Sister. LESMER, Minn., Nov. 25.—At St. Henry, Lesmer county, Tuesday morning Joseph E. Hauser died suddenly. Strayhine was found in his tobacco. Wednesday morning Miss Agnes Beer, Warner's wife, the same man, was buried with Hauser. It is supposed that she poisoned herself and Hauser.

Meyer Is Able to Fight. CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Billy Meyer telegraphed to his brother today that he was not ill as reported and that he would be in condition to meet McAuliffe as scheduled. These old-time adversaries will box ten rounds for scientific points in the Second regiment armory on December 10.

Poey Sentenced for Five Years. NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Simon Poey, passenger agent for the Ward steamship line, was today sentenced to five years in state's prison for forgery in the third degree and one year and six months for grand larceny in the second degree by Judge Fitzgerald in general sessions.

Postponed the Horse Show. CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Owing to the inability of the contractors to complete the new Lateral building by December 5, it has been decided to postpone the Chicago national horse show until next spring. The \$5,000 already received as entrance fees will be refunded.

Three Murderers in Jail. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Nov. 25.—Sheriff Rogers arrived here this afternoon with the three negro murderers from Marion county who were taken from the jail before the mob arrived and brought across the county to Shellmount and thence to Chattanooga.

Fayette County Contest. COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 25.—When the application for a mandamus in the Fayette county election returns case was called in the supreme court today, the attorneys for the republicans again asked for more time and the case was continued until Monday.

Released From Quarantine. WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—After passing an uncomfortable Thanksgiving day on board ship, the 1,399 passengers of the North German Lloyd steamship *Wesmar*, from Bremen, detained at Quarantine at Cape Charles, Chesapeake bay, have been released.

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Public Opinion Against It. "They are not unaware, however, of the fact that public opinion in some other cases, whose co-operation in a successful movement for such an agreement, is most desirable, may not fully accord with the views entertained in the United States as to the practicability of such an agreement. They believe, however, that the sentiment for the larger use of silver, as a money metal has been steadily growing throughout the world, and that the present time is propitious for holding an international conference to consider the subject."

The government of the United States, while frankly disclosing its own views as to the remedy to be applied, has not wished to impose any conditions that would embarrass any government that might be willing to consent upon the most advantageous relation of silver to the currency of the world. For these reasons the government of the United States proposed a convention of the powers for the purpose of conferring upon what measures, if any, can be taken to increase the use of silver as money. In conformity with the purpose of this conference the delegates of the United States offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this conference it is desirable that some measures should be found for increasing the use of silver in the currency of the nations.

"In presenting, as required, a further program to be laid before the conference, the delegates of the United States consider it due to other nations represented, that opportunity be afforded to them to consider plans for the enlarged use of silver as money, other than the one favored by the United States. It is our desire and expectation that the powers here represented, or their delegates, will submit proposals to this end, and we desire these to have precedence in the discussions. In addition to any plans of the kind which may be presented we submit for discussion the following, which have been suggested by recognized authorities, at the same time we submit the general plan of bi-metalism, which is favored in the United States:

The Delegates Plans. Firstly, the plan of M. Moritz Levy, proposed to the monetary conference of 1881.

Secondly, the plan of the late Adolph Soether, (Sevienna Nue Freie Presse, September 30, 1892; Hamburgher Boersenhalle, August 23, 1892; Pioneer Mail, Allahabad, October 13, 1892).

"Lastly we present the plan proposed by ourselves as delegates of the United States. The re-establishment and maintenance of a fixed parity between gold and silver, and the continued use of both as coined money of full legal tender power would be productive of important benefit to the world."

Unrestricted Coinage of Silver. The ends will be accomplished by the removal of the legal restrictions now existing and the coinage of silver into full legal tender money, restoring by international agreement the parity of value between the metals, which existed prior to 1871, at such a ratio as the conference may determine.

The essentials of such an international arrangement should be: the unrestricted coinage of both gold and silver into money of full legal tender power, fixing a ratio in the coinage between the metals and the establishment of a uniform charge, if any, to the public for making gold and silver coins.

The plan proposed by the United States commissioners cannot be discussed and pronounced upon until many other plans shall have been disposed of. The general attitude of the conference, however, leaves little doubt that the American plan will be rejected. The German and Austrian delegates are strongly against any measure which would necessitate any change of moment in existing legislation on the money question. Sir C. Rivers Wilson, one of Great Britain's delegates, started for London tonight, presumably to get additional instructions from his government.

LABOUCHERE'S REVENGE.

He Threatens to Defeat the Government on the Uganda Question.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—Parliament is to meet on January 26. Mr. Morley has taken a draft of the home rule bill to Dublin to consult with the leaders of the Irish home rule party regarding its provisions. The bill provides for an imperial veto on acts of the Irish parliament, and for retaining the Irish members at Westminster with a vote on imperial questions. The question of the occupation of Uganda continues to agitate the liberals. The queen's speech at the opening of parliament will probably advocate the retention of Uganda, and

HIS VILLA A WRECK

Vanderbilt's Newport Palace Burned to Ashes, Entailing a Heavy Loss

Its Beautiful and Costly Furnishings All Destroyed in a Few Minutes—The Loss \$600,000.

NEWPORT, R. I., Nov. 25.—The "Breakers," the elegant and costly summer residence of Cornelius Vanderbilt is tonight a smoldering mass of ruins. Blackened and crumbling walls of brick and heaps of ashes are all that now remain of the palatial villa, which for years had numbered among Newport's largest and finest residences. The fire also destroyed all the valuable contents of the villa, including furniture, bric-a-brac, wearing apparel, rare and costly articles of every description. The fire was discovered by Mr. Vanderbilt himself about 4:30 p. m. the smoke being in the main hall. Within two hours the building and contents were totally destroyed.

Little Furniture Saved. The villa was located at Ochepoint, nearly a mile and a half from the nearest fire station. Before an alarm could be sent out and the apparatus sent the fire was far beyond control, and all that could be done was to stay, rather than check the work of destruction.

A small portion of the furniture was saved, including a large bed, but insignificant either in quantity or value compared with that sacrificed. What was taken out was the least valuable of all and not much of that, while all the rich tapestries, rare paintings, valuable bric-a-brac and elegant decorations and furniture of every sort were beyond rescue. The house was built about a dozen or fifteen years ago for Pierre Lorillard of New York, and was purchased with the extensive grounds by Mr. Vanderbilt in 1885.

Over \$500,000 Worth of Tapestries. More than \$100,000 was expended in additions and improvements to the building, the value of which was estimated at more than half that sum at the time of sale. It was of irregular shape, about 100 by 90 in size, from one to two stories in height, the lower part of brick and the upper of wood, with numerous towers and gables. The character of the furniture and decorations may be judged from the fact that in a single hall were hung tapestries, etc., worth \$50,000 or more. Members of the family and servants alike lost all their clothing in the general destruction. Mr. Vanderbilt and family found temporary refuge in the garden, the only place where they were not endangered during the night by hostile neighbors. The silver, jewels and other valuables of a like nature were placed in the safes by the servants and are probably all right. Estimates place Mr. Vanderbilt's loss at not less than \$600,000; largely insured.

HOLDER THAN A HAND.

A Masked Man Holds Up a Store Full of Persons, Taking \$1,000.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Nov. 25.—One of the most daring robberies ever perpetrated in this territory occurred at San Marcial, a small town south of this city, last evening. While Jasper P. Bralies, who runs a private bank and general store, was waiting on some customers, a masked man dressed in cowboy fashion and wearing a mask over his face entered the place and in hand and compelled the customers to stand up in line in one corner of the store. He then turned his attention to Mr. Bralies and forced him to open the safe and hand over all the ready money there was something over \$1,000. The robber then backed out of the door, mounted his horse which was hitched near by and escaped into the fastness of the Magellan mountains. No body in the store at the time knew him and they were all too terror-stricken to give any intelligent description. The sheriff and his posse are in pursuit with but little hopes of catching the robber.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE.

The Action of the Panama Railroad Will Result in One.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Regarding the report that the Panama Railroad company had served notice that on and after February 1, 1893, no through bills of lading from the Atlantic to the Pacific from the American representatives of the company will be accepted, Mr. Oppenheim of the Panama railroad said today: "The Pacific mail line is free to carry all the freight it wants, only not on through bills of lading. Undoubtedly the effect of this will be the establishment of a new steamship line on the Pacific coast. The Pacific Mail Steamship company has obtained a temporary injunction from Justice Trust of the supreme court preventing the Panama Railroad company from conducting any service by steamer between or from ports lying between the port of Panama and Acapulco, including the last named."

CAR STOVE EXPLODES.

Paymaster Claxton of the G. R. & I. Is Probably Fatally Injured.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 25.—The stove in the par car of the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap & Louisville road exploded today at Luttrell, severely, if not fatally, injuring Paymaster Claxton. The day was very cold and the parter had his stove too full, the gases being liable to escape. One of the car was totally wrecked. One other man was injured, but not seriously. Claxton was brought to Knoxville late this afternoon.

NINE PERSONS INJURED.

Explosion of Gas by a Philadelphia Dental Establishment.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.—Nine persons were injured this morning shortly after 11 o'clock by an explosion of gas in the rooms of the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing company. All the injured were employees of the firm and were cut by flying pieces of glass. A leak in a gas pipe for which plumbers have been hunting for several days caused the explosion. The injured are: Albert Hall and Lynne Lott, who were sent to the Jefferson hospital,

DEATH OF ELISHA CALKINS.

BOSTON, Nov. 25.—Elisha Calkins, an old and highly respected citizen of this place, died at his home on South Main street at 2 p. m. Thursday of heart failure. He was 76 years of age and left a widow and one daughter to mourn his loss.

AFRAID OF DIPHTHERIA.

WEST BAY CITY, Nov. 25.—Diphtheria is still raging in the city. The public schools, which have been closed for two weeks, will not be opened for a week at least, and if the disease continues to increase as it has for the past few days, they will be closed for an indefinite period.

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SMITH ESCAPES THE GALLOWS.

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